



13th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

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September 4, 2022 9:15am in person / online / on the radio

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: **“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”**

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

PSALM: Psalm 1 (The Message) read responsively

L: How well God must like you—

C: you don't walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats,

L: you don't stand with the good-for-nothings,

C: you don't take your seat among the know-it-alls.

L: Instead you thrill to God's Word,

C: you chew on Scripture day and night.

L: You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month,

C: never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.

L: You're not at all like the wicked, who are mere windblown dust—

C: without defense in court, unfit company for innocent people,

L: God charts the road you take.

C: The road *the wicked* take leads to nowhere.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1-21 *Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**"

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GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33 *Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: "**Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus**"

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APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS: *L: God of grace, C: **hear our prayer***

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Betty Soderling

Liam Bartleson

Lisa Overlie

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Ashley Rayhons

Missionary Karen Anderson

Pastor Michelle Gawienowski

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“I Offer My Life”**

Lord, I offer my life to You. Ev'rything I've been through, use it for Your glory.

Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice.

Lord, I offer You my life.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: **“Lamb of God”**

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“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#810

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#685

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

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BLESSING / DISMISSAL: **Go in peace, with Christ beside you.**

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Ann Hunhoff

Scripture Reader: Mark Johnson

Organ/Piano: Karen Post

Altar Care: Jean Yeager

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Sound/Video Techs:

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Song Leader: Kathy Jerome

Communion Servers: Dick & Vera Hynes, Marlene Faircloth Ushers: Tina Berg, Mary Kingland

Today's worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of husband Sherman Oleson from Anita Oleson.

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Coffee Fellowship: Thanks to some of our high school youth & parents for hosting coffee fellowship today! Volunteers are needed for organizing/serving next Sunday's coffee fellowship (Sept. 11). Let the church office know you want to share 'your hands' in the kitchen next Sunday. Thanks!